

**Sec. 611.1. Social Security Retirement Pay Task Force.**

(a) The Social Security Retirement Pay Task Force is hereby created within the Department. The Task Force shall consist of 13 members. The following members shall be appointed within 60 days after the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 97th General Assembly: 2 members appointed by the President of the Senate; 2 members appointed by the Senate Minority Leader; 2 members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives; 2 members appointed by the House Minority Leader; 2 members appointed by the Governor; and the Director, who shall serve as ex officio chairman and who shall appoint one additional member who shall be a representative citizen chosen from the employee class and one additional member who shall be a representative citizen chosen from the employing class. All members shall be voting members. Members shall serve without compensation, but may be reimbursed for expenses associated with the Task Force. The Task Force shall begin to conduct business upon the appointment of all members. For purposes of Task Force meetings, a quorum is 7 members. If a vacancy occurs on the Task Force, a successor member shall be appointed by the original appointing authority. Meetings of the Task Force are subject to the Open Meetings Act.

(b) The Task Force shall analyze the impact of paragraph 2 of subsection A of Section 611 of this Act on individuals receiving primary social security old age and disability retirement benefits and make a recommendation to the General Assembly as to the advisability of amending that paragraph with regard to those individuals. Considerations to be taken into account in the analysis include but are not limited to the amount of benefits that would have been payable in prior years if that paragraph had not applied to those individuals, the potential impact on employer liabilities under the Act had that paragraph not applied to those individuals, the current and projected balances in this State's account in the federal Unemployment Trust Fund and the fact that the majority of state unemployment insurance laws do not include comparable language with regard to those individuals. The Task Force shall hold at least 3 public hearings as part of its analysis. The Task Force may establish any committees it deems necessary.

(c) All findings, recommendations, public postings, and other relevant information pertaining to the Task Force shall be posted on the Department's website. The Department shall provide staff and administrative support to the Task Force. The Department and the Task Force may accept donated services and other resources from registered not-for-profit organizations that may be necessary to complete the work of the Task Force. The Task Force shall report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly no later than December 31, 2012, and shall be dissolved upon submission of the report.

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